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RCMP commander says police welcome watchful eyes

*If it looks
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BY FRANK DABBS
MVP Staff

RCMP Didsbury detachment commander Sgt. Kimberly Pasloske has commended citizens who call in quickly when they spot suspicious activity.

Pasloske said March 3 that recently police "are finding that stolen vehicles are being left in public parking lots. An example would be a grocery store parking lot or community centre.

"If you see a vehicle that seems out of place, just give us a call," she said.

"We're noticing that the public is much more vigilant about noticing, like in the rural area, noticing the vehicles are out of place and calling us for that," she said.

"We want to encourage that; that's been a huge help to us. If it doesn't look right, just give us a call."

She discussed social media, especially Facebook crime reports when people tell each other about suspicious activity or suspicious people.

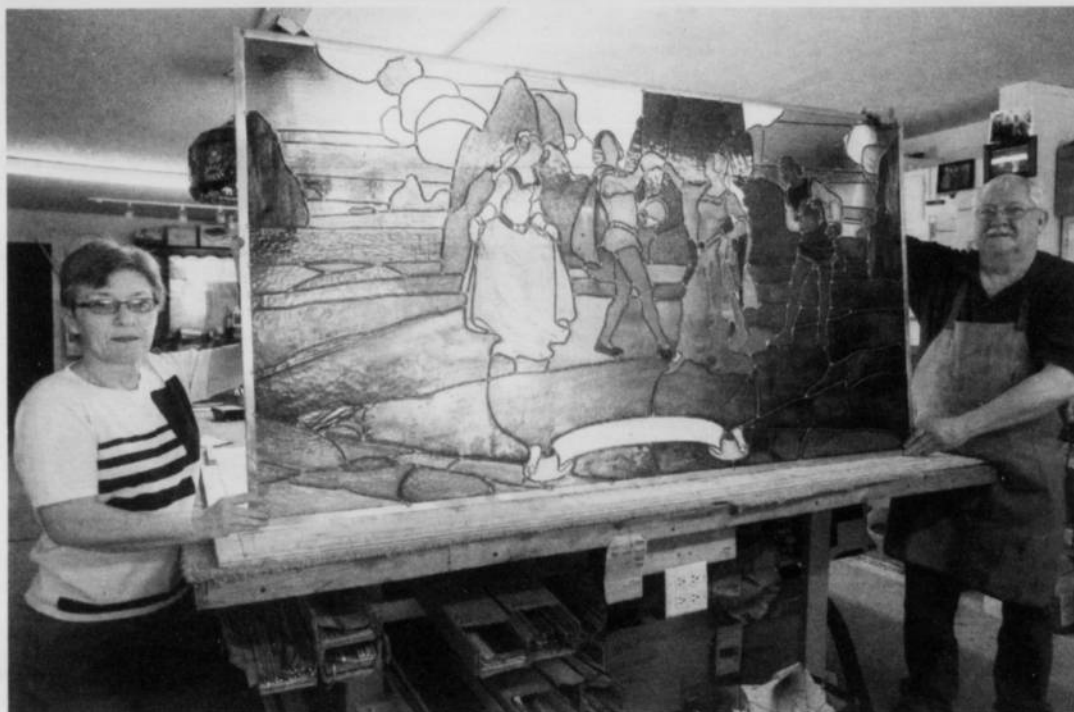
If the police don't see it and aren't informed about it, they can't deal with it, she said.

"You shouldn't assume we know," she said.

The Didsbury detachment number is 403-335-3382.

At the weekly briefing, Pasloske also said that there were two acts of mischief in Didsbury March 3.

In one case a vandal kicked and dented the doors of a Chevy Cruz vehicle and in another a troublemaker threw a garbage can into the windshield of a truck.



Glenda Rivers, left, and Bill Anthony on Mar. 4 with a stained glass window the pair is restoring at Unique Stained Glass Works. See story on page 5.

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Concert planned for compassion fund

BY FRANK DABBS
MVP Staff

An informal coalition of churches, volunteer citizens, the Town of Didsbury and community organizations who coordinate emergency aid for the needy in Didsbury will stage a musical concert May 27 at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church to raise money for their cause.

Cherry Ohlhauser of the Didsbury Valley Voices announced plans for the concert at the Didsbury resource and coordinating meeting March 1.

She said the Didsbury Valley Voices and Janice Walls' Joy Abound ladies vocal group plan to participate in the program. Didsbury High School teacher Kirk Wassmer has volunteered the school's popular jazz band to participate in the concert.

Ohlhauser said that admission to the

concert would be by cash or food bank donation.

The Zion church organized the working group after its compassion fund gave more than \$30,000 in 2015 to families and singles facing personal financial crises to pay basics such as rent, utilities and food bills.

That level of demand strained the resources of the congregation and led the church to reach out to others who care for the needy. The downturn of the Alberta economy and rising unemployment has resulted in increased financial emergencies including how to access the Mountain View Food Bank.

In the words of Zion's senior pastor Mike Morgan's prayer, "we want to know how we can come alongside those who are needy."

Working group leader Juan Manigault of the Zion church staff said the concert program promises to appeal across ages

and musical tastes.

The meeting of 18 people discussed long-term community coordination to ensure people with short-term emergencies can receive assistance with food, housing and other basic needs.

They discussed roles and responsibilities of the leader groups in the community such as the Town of Didsbury, service clubs, churches and other organizations. They discussed co-ordination and communication with neighbouring communities.

Town councillor Sheila Schulz suggested the group set its boundaries as the catchment area that depends on Didsbury for services such as recreation.

The group also discussed reaching out to service groups such as the Lions, Royal Purple and Bikers for Christ, all of who have low-key emergency financial help programs.



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A STARS air ambulance lands in the Zion church parking lot in February for a routine patient transfer from the Didsbury hospital. The Rosebud Health Foundation and Alberta Health Services are working on a revised bid for the new heliport at the hospital to be built this summer.

Community Briefs

Dogsled Derby runs out of snow

Organizers of the Didsbury dogsled and skijoring event have postponed it for the third time this winter due to the mild temperatures and lack of snow. The meet is to take place on the Didsbury Agricultural Society grounds and was scheduled for March 12 and 13.

"We have 35 volunteers and 40 teams of mushers have entered," said Dena Wannamaker. "If we get a late winter, we'll consider holding the event."

She said "the ag society has been very encouraging and helpful and that makes a big difference in holding the option open to stage the event this year if the weather turns."

Lack of snow forced postponement in January and again in February.

Volcanic duo win science award

Eleven Westglen School students had entries in the 2016 Mountain View Technology and Science Fair at Olds High School on Feb. 27.

"They did a great job and were awesome representatives for our school," said Kari Brown, a Grade 5 teacher and the school's representative to the fair.

Two students, Brooklynn Goerzen and Cheyanne Swanson won the Special Award in the Grade 5/6 Environmental Category for their project on volcanoes.

Didsbury Figure Skating Club presents Space Odyssey

Didsbury's annual skating carnival at the Didsbury Memorial Complex on March 20 will be a Space Odyssey. Local skaters, coaches and volunteers have been working hard all season to prepare for the event. There will be free admission to the Space Odyssey. For skating programs and other information check the website at www.didsburyfigureclub.com.

Rural Crime Watch poster contest launched

The Olds-Didsbury-Sundre Rural Crime Watch Association has launched the 2016 poster contest for students in grades 1 to 9. The poster themes are rural crime watch, crime prevention and report a poacher, and the posters are to be done in landscape format. The deadline for submissions is June 30.

There are 12 categories, nine for each grade and three for computer-generated artwork - grades 1 - 3, 4 - 6 and 7 - 9. Prizes of \$65, \$45 and \$30 will be awarded in each category. First- and second-place posters will be entered in the provincewide competition and will be judged for inclusion in the 2017 provincial crime watch calendar. Entries can be dropped off at the Century 21 office in Olds on Highway 27, or will be picked up by Judy who can be reached at 403-556-8846.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS: Tuesdays March 8 & 22, 2016 at 6:00 pm

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING: Wednesday March 9, 2016 at 4:30 pm

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held in Council Chambers at the Town Office.

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Community Programs

Home Alone: Wednesday & Thursday March 16 & 17 from 3:30 - 7:00 pm. Ages 10 +, a sibling 8 or older may attend alongside their older sibling. \$40.00 for the first child, \$30.00 for the sibling. Dinner will be provided one night.

First Aid Re-Cert: Friday March 18 from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. Ages 15+ \$95.00 + gst/person.

Youth Field Trip: Village Square Leisure Centre - Friday April 8 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Ages 10 - 15 Cost is \$30/child. Meet in the MPR.

To register, please call Didsbury Neighborhood Place at 403.335.8719.

ROLLOUT CART PICK-UP SCHEDULE

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Black Bin	8, 9, 10, 22, 23, 24	5, 6, 7, 19, 20, 21
Green Bin	pick-up resumes April 12	12, 13, 14, 26, 27, 28

Please visit www.didsbury.ca/town/recycling to view the zone map to determine what day your bin will be picked up.

- Recycling Blue Bins will continue to be picked up every week until the end of April. Beginning May 1, recycling roll-out bins will come into effect and be picked up every other week, in conjunction with compost.

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New Development Permit Applications

The following Development Permits have been issued for these proposed developments:

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DP 16-007

3, 2409-16 Street
3, 2409-16 Street

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Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Avenue or by calling 335-3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing, with the appropriate fees to the Secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 pm on **March 7, 2016.**

Phil Boucher - Development Officer

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Council approves long-term transportation plan

BY FRANK DABBS
MVP Staff

Didsbury's town council has approved a Transportation Master Plan (TMP) that provides an atlas of street, road and intersection maps for a population of 20,000.

The master plan plots the demand for road travel throughout the municipality as it grows. It was completed by ISL Engineering and Land Services and agreed to by council at its Feb. 23 meeting.

The town will use the plan to evaluate the road system and "rationalize" the future road network need as a growing population builds up on vacant land. The plan will guide the analysis of key intersections that will need to be upgraded and guide street standards and development of walking and cycling.

The master plan does not attach costs to future upgrades or suggest how Didsbury will finance future upgrades such as new key roads and the installation of traffic signals.

It will though, help the town establish development levies for new housing and industrial projects.

The study states that Didsbury's existing residential area is predominantly between Highway 582 and 15th

Avenue, while its industry is north of Highway 582 and along Highway 2A.

The 2008 annexation of land from Mountain View County gave Didsbury 15 quarter sections of land to accommodate growth in all directions with a capacity of 20,000 people.

The plan is based on a current population of 5,045 in 1,933 households with 225 employed in the retail sector and 1,251 non-retail jobs, and a growth to 7,613 jobs when the population reaches 20,000.

The major road improvements in the TMP include a new north-south route parallel to 23rd Street and connecting Highway 582 to 7th Avenue; the extension of 15th Avenue west to Rge. Rd. 21 and an upgrade of 10th Street, south of 15th Avenue; and the realignment of 10th Street to more safely cross the coulee.

The master plan recommends connecting Highway 2A to Rge. Rd. 20 on Twp. Rd. 311. Mountain View County will have to sign off on this improvement. The plan also calls for additional access to Highway 2A from new developments in the southeast. A new east-west collector road is needed from the Deer Coulee subdivision and new growth in the southeast.

Road upgrades to provide better service to the

industrial areas include better access to Highway 582 from the northwest industrial zones. Changing Shantz Crossing from an industrial to a high-density residential development will impact this recommendation.

The access from new developments in the east industrial subdivision to Highway 2A will reduce traffic on Highway 582.

Highways 2A and 582 are important future urban transportation routes for Didsbury and need improvements to access and right-of-way protection, according to the plan.

Town won't disclose Shantz Village details

BY FRANK DABBS
MVP Staff

Town of Didsbury officials won't yet disclose the selling price of Shantz Crossing because of procedural commitments to the conditional buyer, Christofer Atchison Didsbury's legislative and development director said March 1.

He also would not name the owners of the conditional buyer - the Shantz Village Land Corporation - suggesting that the names could be learned through a corporate search.

"We will make a full disclosure shortly, as soon as we can, but

there are processes to follow," Atchison said.

The details of the transaction are complex, he said, adding the town is eager to share the details as soon as it is able to.

The 45-acre municipally-owned plot was developed as an industrial park but the corporation has purchased it conditional to obtaining the land use re-designation and other approvals for the construction of an adult village.

Marc Lehouillier of WestRidge Fine Homes that will build the complex said on March 1 that he is currently studying the market for the development and the price

point for the homes.

"We think we'll work around the low \$300,000s, but we have to decide factors such as one car and two car garages," Lehouillier said.

"We have had 10 expressions of interest already," said Lehouillier.

To have prospective buyers stepping forward this early in the process is a very encouraging sign, he said. The evidence is that Didsbury is an ideal town with an ideal location for this type of project.

Lehouillier said Westridge will consult with the community and is keen to know what citizens are looking for.

McIver and Jean pressured to merge

National Conservatives want Alberta unity

BY FRANK DABBS
MVP Staff

OTTAWA - There will be a single conservative party on the ballot in the next Alberta election, Wildrose Leader Brian Jean said at the Manning Centre Conference Feb. 26.

Jean and Progressive Conservative Leader Ric McIver both attended the annual Conservative talkfest in Ottawa and were mostly under the radar because the gathering was preoccupied with the federal choice to replace Stephen Harper.

With the Calgary-Greenway byelection set for March 22, and Wildrose and Progressive Conservative candidates vying for the seat, Jean and McIver diplomatically avoided each other for most of the conference.

Jean spoke at a session for provincial

official Opposition leaders, then sat for a chat with 30 attendees. McIver chaired a panel on taxation fairness.

It was federal leader Rona Ambrose who lightheartedly sent a message from the conference to the two Alberta leaders in her keynote address.

"The leader of the official Opposition gets to live at Stornoway," said Ambrose.

"I've had lots of Conservatives call to ask me if they can spend the weekend at our place.

"There's a children's room with bunk beds. I think I'll put Brian and Ric together in that room and they can't come out until they sort it out."

Jean said, "We are hitting the reset button. I am going to consolidate the conservative movement in Alberta one hug at a time.

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Colts on verge of northern division championship

Mountainview wins first three games of final series

BY FRANK DABBS
MVP Staff

The Mountainview Colts moved to within one game of clinching the Heritage Junior B northern division championship with a 3-1 victory over the Airdrie Thunder March 5.

The Colts have won seven consecutive playoff games, sweeping the Blackfalds Wranglers in four straight matches.

The fourth game in the northern final faces off in Airdrie March 8.

The winning team will face the winner of the southern division final. The Cochrane Generals have a two to one game lead over the Coledale Copperheads in that series.

Colts rookie Mitchell Visser scored the first goal of the third game and assisted on Clinton Armitage's game-cincher in a two-point night in the Saturday, March 5 victory.

The 10-16-20-combination line of team captain Cole Sutherland (No. 10) at centre, Austin Pedersen (No. 16) on right wing and Visser (No. 20) on left wing is the story of this final series for the Colts.

The threesome leads team scoring: Sutherland and Visser each have six points, Pedersen four points, and the line has accounted for seven of the Colts' 12 goals in the series.

The Thunder opened the scoring early in the first period with Clay Murray's goal assisted by Trevor Strong and Brydon Beston.

Five minutes later Visser tied the game on a one-two-three pass play from defenceman Dennis Lawrence at the Thunder blue-line to Sutherland on the right side of the net. He passed across the goalmouth to Visser who scored the goal.

Ryan Klinck got the game winner at the midpoint of the second period, assisted by Chad Gross and Jacob Vander Zaag. Clinton Armitage put the game out of reach of the Thunder with a power-play goal in the third period.

Colts goalie Thomas Della Siega kept the Thunder off the scoreboard with his textbook play in the third period,



Frank Dabbs/MVP Staff

Mountainview Colts goalie Thomas Della Siega blocks Airdrie Thunder Dane Gallant's (No. 15) shot from a faceoff as Gallant's teammates Mark Kunitz (No. 14) and Nicolas Profet (No. 8) converge on the net. Colts defenceman Clinton Armitage (No. 8) and centre Tyson Schmidt (No. 11) chase the deflected puck.

although the Thunder outshot the Colts 9 to 3 in the period. His best play was a diving takeaway from Brandon Millard on a Thunder breakaway.

Once again both teams stayed out of the penalty box and concentrated on playoff-calibre hockey. The Colts got three minors and the Thunder were penalized twice.

Game 1

The Colts took command of the first game against the Airdrie Thunder in the best-of-seven northern division final for the Heritage B Junior Hockey League with a goal 16 seconds after the opening faceoff.

The Thunder finished in second place just a point behind the Colts in the northern division regular season. The two teams had 55 and 54 points in the standings.

After a scramble around the Thunder net in the opening seconds of the finals, Austin Pedersen flipped the puck past goalie Kade Taplin, assisted by Mitchell Visser and Cole Sutherland. It wasn't a pretty goal but previewed a game that the Colts dominated.

The Colts went on to win the home

opener 5 to 1. They took a 2-0 lead on a power-play marker from Jacob Vander Zaag on passes from Jack Vergouwen and Evan Ingram. The goal came after the Thunder was penalized for too many men on the ice, the sole power-play advantage they gave to the Colts.

In the second period Sutherland scored on a setup pass by defenceman Dennis Lawrence. Pedersen connected for his second goal assisted by Sutherland and Cole Kapak. Mitchell Visser scored the Colts' fifth goal assisted by Sutherland and Pedersen.

Colts goalie Thomas Della Siega had a brilliant night, handling 34 shots, but Airdrie's Dane Gallant got one behind him, assisted by Mark Kunitz, with a minute and 17 seconds remaining in the second period.

The third period was scoreless but the game ended with fisticuffs just 21 seconds before the final buzzer.

The Colts' Evan Ingram emerged as the heavyweight champion for dragging Clay Murray to the ice and sitting on him. The fight poured into the stands and Didsbury Ramblers executive Dan Visser with Colts coach Gordon Olsen

and general manager Russell Jemief led peacemakers who separated the warring fans and escorted them out of the building.

The final score was Colts 5 Thunder 1.

Game 2

Game 2 of the series, played in the Ron Ebbesen Arena in Airdrie, was a 4-3 thriller in favour of the Colts, marking their sixth consecutive playoff win in 2016.

The Thunder came back hard after losing the first game, taking the first period with two goals scored, digging a hole for the Colts.

Gavin Klein assisted by Tyler Perkins got both markers. On the first goal Klein was also assisted by Lukas Pollack and on the second by Mark Kunitz.

The first period ended with the Thunder ahead by 2-0.

The Colts turned the momentum in the second frame with goals by Austin Pedersen assisted by Cole Kapak and Clinton Armitage, and Chad Gross assisted by Pedersen and Mitchell Visser.

The second period ended in a two-all tie.

The Thunder scored quickly at the 2:05 mark of the third period to take a 3-2 lead. They followed up aggressively and outshot the Colts by ten to six in the period.

However, Jacob Vander Zaag scored five minutes later to tie the game again. Dennis Lawrence and Ryan Klinck assisted on the goal.

Then Austin Pedersen scored again on a pass from Cole Sutherland on a play started by Mitchell Visser, to give the Colts a 4-3 lead that they held onto for the last four minutes and five seconds of the game.

Pedersen with two goals and an assist, Visser with two assists, and goalie Thomas Della Siega with 36 saves led the team to the victory.

The game was fast and reasonably penalty-free. The Thunder received six minor penalties and one misconduct. The Colts had six minors. In comparison to the fight-filled first game of the series, the game was clean – and fast.



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Didsbury and Carstairs win hockey bragging rights



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A Didsbury and Carstairs firefighters team player (red and blue shirt) tests the Olds fire and RCMP goalie (navy shirt) during the annual fire and police charity hockey game at the Didsbury Memorial Arena on March 5.

BY FRANK DABBS
MVP Staff

The Olds RCMP and fire department faced off against Didsbury and Carstairs firefighters March 5 in an annual charity hockey game and the winner was the Mountain View Food Bank.

The final score was 725 pounds of food and \$1,329 cash in donations, a spokesperson for the Didsbury Fire Department said. The contributions were the price of admission and there was also a silent

auction.

The event at the Didsbury Memorial Complex was a family affair that started with Didsbury fire equipment parked at the entrance, including the department's hose-equipped ladder truck, a command vehicle and an emergency response truck.

Firefighters in dress blues staffed the silent auction, gave candies to the children and thanked the donors, as did the food bank volunteers. The concession had sale prices for hotdogs, nachos and other treats.

The pickup style charity hockey game was laid back with both sides icing teams that a top-notch midget squad could have beaten.

The Didsbury-Carstairs team took home bragging rights, defeating the Olds RCMP and firemen by a score of 8-6.

The Didsbury Car Club and the Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce are hosting an open house information evening on Wednesday evening, March 16th at Mugs Coffee House. Doors open at 6:00 P.M. We encourage all Didsbury business owners to attend. This will be an informal meeting to allow merchants to discuss the upcoming Show and Shine with the Car Club and Chamber members. We will do our best to answer any questions or concerns you may have and how this event may affect your business, positively or negatively. Coffee and snacks will be supplied.

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Anthony restores century-old stained glass panels

BY FRANK DABBS
MVP Staff

During the Great War of 1914-18, Toronto department store owner John Craig Eaton, son of Timothy and Margaret Eaton, commissioned Canadian artist and historian Charles W. Jeffreys to design two stained glass panels, six feet by four feet in size, for his new mansion.

Charles' brother Walter, a stained glass artist, built The Dance and The Serenade depicting two young medieval couples dancing in one. In the second, a lute-playing young man serenades his sweetheart while a chaperone attends the young lady.

Today those two glass panels, a little the worse for their years, are in the Didsbury studio of stained glass artist Bill Anthony who is restoring them with the assistance of Glenda Rivers.

Charles' grandson and Walter's great-grandnephew, C.W. Jeffries Allen of Edmonton, owns the treasures and continues to search for more forgotten artwork done by the two talented brothers.

The Dance and The Serenade were in John Craig Eaton's private 50-room residence, Ardwood, then in the restaurant at the T. Eaton Company flagship department store on Yonge Street in Toronto.

Ardwood is Gaelic for "high green hill, a name that speaks to John Eaton's fascination with the history of the British Isles.

"It's a grey area where the panels were first displayed – the home or the department store," said Anthony in an interview March 4. "Research into the provenance of the pieces continues. Not much is known about what happened to them until they turned up in Alberta in 1970."

C.W. Jeffries, who lived from 1869 to 1951, was a popular Canadian artist whose work is in the National Art Gallery collection in Ottawa. He was also an illustrator of Canadian school history textbooks. He began his career as a newspaper illustrator in Canada and the U.S.

"This is the largest restoration work I have ever done," said Anthony, who is one of only a handful of Canadian stained glass artists willing to do this type of work. "There's very little money to be made, it requires hours of manual labour and there are challenges to match up broken glass."

His assistant on the project, stained glass artist Glenda Rivers, was raised in Didsbury and went to Fort St. John, B.C. with her husband Barry who worked in the oilfields. She operated a small gift shop, met Bill at an art show, and bought some of his pieces for her shop.

She and her husband have returned to Didsbury to care for aging parents, a move made easier when his work was transferred to Calgary. The Riverses came home just after the Anthonys moved here from Winnipeg.

She walked in the door and asked Anthony "do you need any help?"

"Lead came" pieces such as the two panels, demand special and historic techniques and materials. Anthony has been trained in some, but he has developed others using his common sense and stained glass experience.

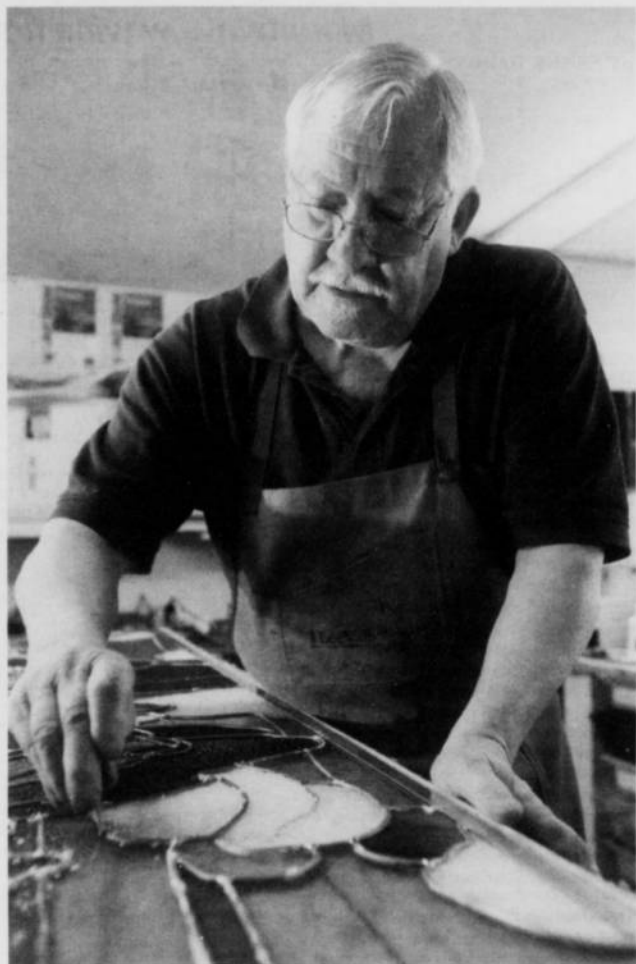
For instance, the panels required a grey adhesive that in the day was coloured with lampblack. No one uses lampblack any longer, so he substituted a black powder as an ingredient in the recipe.

Anthony is Manitoba-born and taught physical education, mathematics and art in Winnipeg schools for 28 years. Early retirement enabled him to pursue the creation of stained glass.

He and his wife Merrilee operate Unique Stained Glass Works located on 20th Street appropriately in Didsbury's downtown historic core.

Anthony has gained a reputation for the unusual – such as integrating computer boards and computer disks into his work, and using copper foil to make tree trunks.

And restoring stained glass that other artists don't want to touch.



Bill Anthony works on the stained glass window.

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Editorial

Didsbury's 20-year electric power plan

In most Ontario towns you can find a municipal power distribution building, a pre-Depression structure usually made of brick, now put to other uses.

The architecture of the power building with granite windowsills and glass block facades often outranked the town hall as the flagship of municipal pride.

In the early decades of the 20th century, Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario (HEPCO) built transmission lines from power generation sources, beginning with Niagara Falls, to towns and villages who owned their own distribution systems.

The driving idea behind HEPCO was to provide power at cost and the commission became an early form of the Crown corporation.

Municipalities that had local power sources, often hydro generation on rivers within town boundaries, invested in power generation too.

Generally speaking, municipal ownership of power generation and distribution systems in Ontario ended in the Depression years of the 1930s when HEPCO bailed out cash-strapped municipalities by purchasing their power companies.

In 1974, HEPCO became Ontario Hydro and 40 years later – after decades of mismanagement and financially disastrous nuclear power investments – the debt-ridden behemoth was broken into five companies: Ontario Power Generation, Hydro One, Independent Electricity System Operator, Electrical Safety Authority and Ontario Electricity Financial Corporation.

The "power at cost" idealism has long since disappeared and Ontario consumers now pay the highest electricity bills in North America.

In a parallel process, many Ontario towns established and owned their telephone systems in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, but that is a story for another day.

The lesson here is that in Ontario, decentralized municipal ownership of electric power generation and distribution represented the brightest years for power customers and the most efficient and effective way to keep the lights on.

So Deputy Mayor Joyce McCoy's musing at the Feb. 23 council meeting about the Town of Didsbury owning electrical distribution is a profoundly serious idea.

And it can be expanded into both generation and distribution.

Municipal development and ownership of independent power is an idea that has a context of change and opportunity in Alberta.

Premier Rachel Notley has signed the death warrant for coal-powered electricity generation.

The next generation of electrical generation in Alberta will be renewable: hydro, solar and wind. The province has abundant clean-burning natural gas to bridge the transition. Wind and solar power technologies are becoming dramatically cheaper and more efficient.

There is a prospective partner to be courted for this venture: EPCOR, the Alberta electrical service company that has historical roots in municipal power systems.

The first challenge is to interest EPCOR in a small generation project; the floor for utility-built solar and wind farms is about 150 megawatts, more generation than Didsbury can use inside its municipal boundaries.

Didsbury has economic development champions. One of them could take this on.

The Town of Didsbury has a long-term transportation plan that looks out to a population of 20,000 (see related story in this issue of the Didsbury Review).

Why not have a long-term electric power plan?



Letters

Thank you for fairness and respect

Last fall a group of businessmen including Dicks Trucking, Didsbury Towing, Gils Truck and Auto, Grasse Lumber Sales and Jon Hladych approached town council in regards to what we felt was an unfair tax increase from the town.

We have been very pleased with how the CAO, town council and town administration have listened to us and have worked together with us in what we

feel was a win for all parties.

We are pleased with the respect and fairness that was shown and want to say thank you to all parties involved, and look forward to growing together to make Didsbury and region stronger.

Lowell Grasse
Didsbury

4-H speaking competitions March 19

4-H members will challenge judges with their high quality communication skills on Saturday March 19 at the Strathmore Civic Centre. The Calgary 4-H Region has three public speaking competitions starting at 9:30 a.m., with three presentation competitions starting at 2 p.m.

The regional competitions are the fourth level of competition for these 4-H members. This is also the last level of competition for the junior and intermediate members, but the top two senior members will continue on to the provincial 4-H competitions. Six senior 4-H members will also get to display their communication skills by being the MCs in each competition. 4-H is very grateful for all the distinguished judges and volunteers that come from across southern Alberta to volunteer their day to do the many duties throughout the event.

The Calgary 4-H Region consists of five districts as far west as the Alberta-B.C. border, as far east as Kneehill County, as far north as Innisfail and as far south as Cayley. Each district sends forward their top two competitors in each age category and competition event. Juniors are ages nine to 11 years old. Intermediates are 12 to 14 years old and seniors are 15 to 20 years old. There will be approximately 60 4-H members competing, entertaining and educating everyone throughout the day!

4-H members are encouraged to choose topics to speak and present on that they have an interest in. The speaking competition consists of each member presenting their prepared speech within a set time frame. They will then give a speech on an impromptu topic, on which they will only have one minute to prepare a one- to two-minute speech. The presentation competi-

tion consists of members presenting their presentation in a set time frame followed by a question from one of the judges which they must answer immediately. The high quality of communication skills that 4-H members have at this level of competition will challenge each other as well as the judges!

A very special acknowledgement to sponsors AltaLink, the Canadian Association of Petroleum Landmen and the Calgary Regional 4-H Council for recognizing the importance of quality communication skills that 4-H members learn through 4-H and these events, and recognizing that confident, quality communication skills are a very important asset to all 4-H members and society now and in the future.

Anita Kraus
Co-chair
Calgary 4-H Regional
Communication Event
Committee

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MCLEOD, Olive Katherine (Snyder)

After a long illness, Olive McLeod passed away in Calgary, AB at the Foothills Hospital on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at the age of 92 years. She was born on December 6, 1923, in Didsbury, AB, the only child of Wilfred Weber Snyder and Esther Schultz. Olive grew up on a farm west of Didsbury, and moved to Bridgeland in Calgary in the 1940s, where she worked at the Calgary General Hospital. She married Art McLeod in March of 1955; then, they moved to Ontario, settling in Cornwall. There, Art found work constructing the St. Lawrence Seaway Project. In 1961, Art, Olive and their two young children moved back to Calgary, where they settled for good. Olive was active in both the Renfrew and Winston Heights - Mountview Community Associations. She was also a member of the ladies auxiliary at Renfrew United Church. Her passions included watching hockey, especially the Flames, cooking, baking and gardening. Her pies were well known, and her garden and flowerbeds were the pride of the neighborhood for many years, including this past year. Olive was also fond of animals; she kindly fed birds and squirrels on cold winter days, and helped to spoil a succession of family pets. Her children were her priority, and Olive put their needs before her own. She would do everything possible for them, usually going without herself. Olive always tried to earn a few extra dollars to help the family; she worked at several jobs and/or recycling before it was popular. We are truly grateful for the sacrifices she made on our behalf. Olive was predeceased by her parents and her husband of fifty-nine years, Art, in 2014. She is survived by son Don (Toronto) and daughter Joanne (Calgary). Olive was a good wife, mother and friend. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her. Thanks to Dr. Haggblad and Dr. Burkart, who cared for mom over the years. Special thanks to Unit 81 at the Foothills, where she spent the last three months, so many special people there. Also, thanks to Dr. Leung and Dr. Myles who respected her wishes and the family's wishes and tried everything to help her. In lieu of flowers, which she loved, and because of Olive's love of animals, please consider adopting or rescuing a dog in her memory, or making a memorial donation directly to the Calgary Humane Society, 4455 - 110 Avenue SE, Calgary, AB T2C 2T7. A Funeral Service was held at FOSTER'S GARDEN CHAPEL, Calgary on Tuesday, February 16, 2016.

Susan Mary Scott (Sue)

died comfortably after a prolonged illness at 2:30am Wednesday, 24th February 2016 at the Peter Loughheed Centre in Calgary. She is survived by her husband Nigel David Scott and her sister Angela Taylor. Born in England November 13, 1946, meeting Nigel at Agricultural College in England, marrying in January 1970, came to Canada in that year. Living in Toronto, Sue embarked in a new career as a clinical chemistry technologist with a B.Sc., an Advanced Registered Technologist and a member of the International Society of Clinical Forensics. She and her husband purchased land near Didsbury, Alberta to start a sheep enterprise. This became a financial success which reflected her strong desire to "get it right" and leave nothing to chance. Nevertheless, having had a long, increasingly severe bouts of asthma since age of 26 became increasingly sick starting in 2010 to a point where her circulatory system was slowly shutting down. From mid-December 2015 Sue was in and out of hospital frequently, always wanting to go back home and spend time looking once again at her beloved Rocky Mountain views from the window of her bedroom.

Please send no flowers but maybe contribute to a charity of your choice.

A Celebration of Life will be held sometime in the future in Didsbury.



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